

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 4870, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2015.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 23, 2014.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 4922–4933; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 102; and H. Res. 633–635, were introduced. **Page H5597**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5598**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 524, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify that the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency does not have the authority to disapprove a permit after it has been issued by the Secretary of the Army under section 404 of such Act (H. Rept. 113–485);

H.R. 4923, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–486); and

In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Don Young (H. Rept. 113–487).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend John Boonzaaijer, The Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, Texas. **Page H5561**

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2015: The House passed H.R. 4870, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal

year ending September 30, 2015, by a yea-and-nay vote of 340 yeas to 73 nays, Roll No. 338. Consideration of the measure began on Wednesday, June 18th. **Pages H5563–71, H5571–77**

Rejected the Bustos motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 337. **Pages H5575–76**

Agreed to:

Kildee amendment (No. 40 printed in the Congressional Record of June 19, 2014) that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of section 1034 of title 10, United States Code; **Page H5567**

Huizenga amendment that prohibits funds from being used by the Defense Logistics Agency to implement the Small Business Administration interim final rule titled “Small Business Size Standards; Adoption of 2012 North American Industry Classification System” (published August 20, 2012, in the Federal Register) with respect to the procurement of footwear; and **Pages H5570–71**

Gosar amendment that prohibits funds from being obligated or expended to the following entities or in contravention of title 18 U.S.C., section 2339B: (1) The Government of Iran; (2) The Government of Syria; (3) The Palestinian Authority; (4) Hamas; (5)

The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (by a recorded vote of 280 ayes to 133 noes, Roll No. 335).

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Rejected:

Lee amendment (No. 32 printed in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2014) that was debated on June 19th that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the purpose of conducting combat operations in Afghanistan after December 31, 2014 (by a recorded vote of 153 ayes to 260 noes, Roll No. 332);

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Rohrabacher amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being provided to Pakistan (by a recorded vote of 92 ayes to 320 noes, Roll No. 333);

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Gosar amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to enter into any contract after the date of the enactment of this Act for the procurement or production of any non-petroleum based fuel for use as the same purpose or as a drop-in substitute for petroleum (by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 334); and

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Franks (AZ) amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to transfer or divest the Electronic Proving Grounds at Fort Huachuca, Arizona (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 336).

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Point of Order sustained against:

Stockman amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to destroy Department of Defense equipment or ammunition in Afghanistan without such equipment or ammunition first being offered to independent states of the former Soviet Union and major non-NATO allies that are willing to pay for transportation of such equipment or ammunition to such states or allies;

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Stockman amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the procurement of weapons systems that contain rare earth materials, metals, magnets, parts, or components that are produced in Cuba, North Korea, the People's Republic of China, or Venezuela; and

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Stockman amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for any activity that would grant de jure or de facto support of territorial, maritime, or airspace claims made by the People's Republic of China on the international waters or territories of other sovereign nations in the South China, East China, and Yellow Seas.

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H. Res. 628, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4870) and providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 3230), was agreed to on June 18th.

Recess: The House recessed at 10:22 a.m. and reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

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National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2014: Agreed by unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to engross the bill H.R. 4412, to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, in the form placed at the desk.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet on Monday, June 23rd at 12 noon for Morning Hour Debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5577.

Senate Referral: S. 1603 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5571–72, H5572, H5573, H5573–74, H5574, H5575–76, and H5576–77. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee concluded markup on H.R. 4871, the “TRIA Reform Act of 2014”; H.R. 4881, to place a 6-month moratorium on the authority of the Financial Stability Oversight Council to make financial stability determinations; and H.R. 4387, the “FSOC Transparency and Accountability Act”. The bills were ordered reported, as amended.

PERSPECTIVES ON PRIORITIES FOR REVIEW THE QUADRENNIAL HOMELAND SECURITY STAKEHOLDER

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency held a hearing entitled “Stakeholder Perspectives on Priorities for the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NET NEUTRALITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled “Net Neutrality: Is Antitrust Law More Effective than Regulation in Protecting Consumers and Innovation?”. Testimony was heard from Joshua D. Wright, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 4293, the “Natural Gas Gathering Enhancement Act”; and H.R. 1587, the “Energy Infrastructure Improvement Act”. Testimony was heard from Michael D. Nedd, Assistant Director, Minerals and Realty Management, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior; and public witnesses.

MIXED SIGNALS: THE ADMINISTRATION’S POLICY ON MARIJUANA, PART FOUR—THE HEALTH EFFECTS AND SCIENCE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Mixed Signals: The Administration’s Policy on Marijuana, Part Four—the Health Effects and Science”. Testimony was heard from Doug Throckmorton, M.D., Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration; Nora Volkow, M.D., Director, National Institute of Drug Abuse; and a public witness.

NASA SECURITY ASSESSING THE AGENCY’S EFFORTS TO PROTECT SENSITIVE INFORMATION

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space; and Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “NASA Security: Assessing the Agency’s Efforts to Protect Sensitive Information”. Testimony was heard from Richard Keegan, Associate Deputy Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Belva Martin, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Gail A. Robinson, Deputy Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and a public witness.

REVIEW OF AWARDING BONUSES TO SENIOR EXECUTIVES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Review of Awarding Bonuses to Senior Executives at the Department of Veterans Affairs”. Testimony was heard from Gina Farrisee, Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

IRS COMMISSIONER JOHN KOSKINEN

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on the IRS’s recent statement about the production of Ms. Lerner’s emails. Testimony was heard from John Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY,
JUNE 23, 2014**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, June 23, Full Committee, hearing entitled “IRS Obstruction: Lois Lerner’s Missing E-Mails”, 7 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, June 23, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 6, the “Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act”; and H.R. 3301, the “North American Energy Infrastructure Act”, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, June 23, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Evaluating the Capacity of the VA to Care for Veteran Patients”, 7:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, June 23

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5:30 p.m.), Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nominations of Paul G. Byron, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Carlos Eduardo Mendoza, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Beth Bloom, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Geoffrey W. Crawford, of Vermont, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Monday, June 23

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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